

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A motor-fan unit comprising:

a motor assembly having a shaft, a commutator supported on said shaft, and a pair of brushes in electrical contact with said commutator;
a fan assembly having fan coupled to said shaft;
an end plate assembly located between said fan and said motor assembly, said end plate assembly including a plate portion defining an opening through which said shaft passes, wherein said commutator is located near said opening; and
a pair of brush retainers each having an open end adapted to receive a corresponding one of said brushes, each said brush retainer formed on said plate portion adjacent said commutator, wherein each said brush retainer opens in a mouth toward said fan assembly, said brush retainer having ~~has~~ a first member extending axially toward said motor, a second member extending from said first member and a third member extending axially toward said fan assembly from said second member, and wherein each said brush retainer has a gap between said third member and said end plate.

2-5. Cancelled

6. (Original) The motor-fan unit of claim 1, further comprising a support member extending from said end plate portion toward said motor assembly adjacent said third wall and in supporting relation thereto.

7. (Original) The motor fan unit of claim 1, further comprising a spring assembly in operative contact with each said brush, whereby said spring assembly urges said brush toward said commutator.

8. (Original) The motor fan unit of claim 7, further comprising a spring holder extending from said end plate assembly receiving each said spring assembly.

9. (Original) The motor fan unit of claim 8, wherein each said spring assembly has a first

leg and a second leg, said spring holder including a first projection retaining said first leg, wherein said second leg is receivable in said gap and urges said brush toward said commutator.

10. (Original) The motor fan unit of claim 9, further comprising a second projection formed on said end plate assembly near said brush retainer, whereby said second leg of said spring assembly is receivable against said second projection to insert or remove said brushes.

11-36. Cancelled

37. (New) A motor-fan unit comprising:

a motor assembly having a shaft, a commutator supported on said shaft, and a pair of brushes in electrical contact with said commutator;

a fan assembly having a fan coupled to said shaft;

an end plate assembly located between said fan assembly and said motor assembly, said end plate assembly having an opening through which said shaft passes, wherein said commutator is located near said opening;

a pair of brush retainers formed on said end plate assembly adjacent said commutator, said brush retainers having an open end adapted to receive a corresponding one of said brushes; and

a pair of motor brackets extending from said end plate assembly toward said motor, said pair of motor brackets adapted to support said motor assembly.

38. (New) The motor-fan unit of claim 37, wherein said end plate assembly comprises at least one cavity.

39. (New) The motor-fan unit of claim 38, wherein the perimeter of said cavity is partially defined by said motor bracket, and by said brush retainer.

40. (New) The motor-fan unit of claim 37, wherein said motor brackets are in a

supporting relation to at least one of said brush retainers.

41. (New) The motor-fan unit of claim 40, wherein said motor brackets include a receiver to secure said motor assembly to said end plate assembly.